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In re the Application of:

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Examiner: Gregory D. Thompson

For: A COOLING DEVICE FOR ELECTRICAL SUBASSEMBLIES

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on June 4, 2002. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to September 4, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1-8 and 10 -17 in accordance with the following:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A cooling arrangement for an apparatus having a housing containing electrical subassemblies, comprising:

at least one water-repellent membrane filter arranged in an air inlet of the housing for surface filtration of dirt particles from cooling air flowing into the housing for cooling the electrical subassemblies ; and

at least one cooling device to build up an airflow in the housing and to lead the filtered cooling air, which is heated up because of flowing through the electrical subassemblies, out of the housing through at least one air outlet.

2. (TWICE AMENDED) The cooling arrangement as claimed in claim 1, further

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